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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Request for Continued Examination:

The applicant respectfully requests continued examination of the above-indicated application as per 37 CFR 1.114.

Claims 1-3 and 19-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Mooney et al. (US 5,610,981).

10 Response:

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Independent claims 1 and 19 have been amended to comply with the examiner's opinion. The terms "primary first identification information" and "secondary first identification information" in claims 1 and 19 have been amended to be "administrative first identification information" and "regular first identification information", respectively. Additionally, the terms "primary second identification information" and "secondary second identification information" in claim 19 have been amended to be "administrative second identification information" and "regular second identification information", respectively. These amendments are supported in the original claim 19 as well as in the specification, such as in the last half of paragraph [0057] of the instant application. No new matter is added. It is known in the related art that the wording "administrative" represents higher authority or hierarchy, chief, principle, ..., etc, while "regular" generally refers to lower authority or hierarchy comparing to "administrative".

Claim 1 recites that first identification information is stored in a computing device and second identification information is stored in a security device. The first identification information comprises both administrative first identification information and regular first identification information.

The method of claim 1 compares the administrative first identification

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information with the second identification information. In response to the second identification information matching the administrative first identification information, a query is made to ask the user whether he would like to update the identification information. In addition, the method also compares the regular first identification information with the second identification information. In response to the second identification information matching the regular first identification information, the method skips querying the user whether he wants to update the first identification information, and the method executes the operation system program directly.

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Claim 19 contains similar limitations, and the claimed computing system comprises an administrator security device having administrative second identification information and a user security device having regular second identification information. When the administrative second identification information matches the administrative first identification information, a query is made to ask the user whether he wants to update the first identification information.

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On the other hand, Mooney does not teach the use of a first access card granting administrator-level security clearance and a second access card granting security clearance to other authorized users. Furthermore, Mooney does not teach first identification information residing on a computer and comprising both administrative first identification information and regular first identification information. As a result, Mooney does not teach a way for a computer to distinguish between administrator users and regular users based on the identification information residing in their access card.

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For these reasons, the applicant submits that Mooney fails to teach all of the limitations recited in the currently amended claim 1 and in claim 19. Claims 2, 3, and 20-23 are dependent on claims 1 and 19, and should be allowed if their

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respective base claims are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-3 and 19-23 is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,

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